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A BRIEF HISTORY
of the
Baird and McLain Families
of
Scotland, Ireland and America



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The Bairds of Scotland, Ireland and America

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ANCIENT HISTORY

When Julius Caesar first led his Roman Legions into Britain, he found a people that were warlike, of some mechanical ability, and with a slight knowledge of agriculture. That was in the year 55 B. C. But the Romans did not attempt to conquer Britain at that time, for the Goths and Vandals were threatening to invade Italy and the soldiers were needed to defend Rome. A century later the Romans came back and subjugated the country and remained there until 410 A. D. And never again did they set foot on British soil.

Then came the Saxons and Danes who occupied Britain until 1066. They were called Saxons, Angles and Jutes. But in the year 1066 came William the Conqueror from Normandy and defeated the Saxons at the Battle of Hastings. That was the last invasion of England to this day. The Conquest brought to England the impulse of the bold Norman spirit, the greater refinement of the French language, and a strong government which brought peace to the land and did much to make a united nation.

RELIGION

When Julius Caesar invaded Britain in 55 B. C. he found the Angles in the south and the Picts and Scots in the north. In their religious beliefs they were heathen and their religion was called Druidism. They were cruel, superstitious and indulged in human sacrifices. But in 597 A. D. Pope Gregory sent to them a missionary by the name of Augustine, the Saint. The English and the Scotch readily accepted Christianity and were Roman Catholics until the Reformation, which was aided by the preaching of John Knox. After that Scotland became the stronghold of Presbyterianism and remains so to this day.

THE BAIRDS

But our chief interest in this sketch is the history of the Bairds. It is claimed that when William the Conqueror came to England he brought with him a man named Baird. But in the days of Robert Bruce and William Wallace, when those two heroes were struggling for civil and religious liberty for their country of Scotland, the name of Bard, Barte, Beard, Baird often occurs. In fact, they were such zealous patriots that when a number of Scottish heroes were exiled to North Ireland, we find a number of Bairds among them. In fact, our own ancestors were among these exiles. After a long residence in North Ireland, they came to America. Here they are known as Scotch-Irish, or Ulster men as they came from the Province of Ulster, in Ireland.

BAIRD COAT OF ARMS

It is related that on one occasion when King William, the Lion, was hunting in the forest of southwest Scotland he was charged by an infuriated wild boar and cried out for help. Whereupon a man by the name of BAIRD rushed to his defense, killed the boar and saved his king. As a reward of merit, the King gave to Baird large holdings of land and assigned to him for his coat of arms A Boar Passant with the motto in Latin, "Dominus Fecit," — "The Lord did it." That is our family Coat of Arms, and is very similar to that of George Washington.

Our great-grandfather, Simon Baird, came to America about the time of the American Revolution and settled in South Carolina. He first appears in the U. S. census report of 1790 in the Camden District, but in 1800 he was in the Abbeville District. Evidently he died between 1800 and 1810 as his name does not appear in the census report of 1810.

Our grandfather, Simon Baird, 2nd, came to Arkansas, Hempstead County, about 1820.

(See later pages)

BAIRD

The history of the family may be traced back to the thirteenth century when a charter was granted to Richard Baird of Meikle and Little Kyo in Lanarkshire, and King Robert the Bruce granted the Barony of Cambusnethan to a Robert Baird. This family of Cambusnethan spread to Banffshire, and later to Auchmeddan in Aberdeenshire. George Baird of Auchmeddan married the niece of the Earl of Mareschal and the family increased in importance, and supplied a long line of sheriffs to that county. From the Auchmeddan branch came the Bairds of Newbyth and Saughtonhall; and John, who died in 1698, was created Knight Baronet and made a Lord of Session, with the title Lord Newbyth.

General Sir David Baird, Bart., K. C. B., born in 1757, entered the army in 1772, and in command of the 73rd regiment reached Madras in 1780. When seriously wounded, he was captured by Hyder Ali, and remained a prisoner until 1784. He and a sergeant were the only survivors of the original 73rd regiment. He was at the capture of Pondicherry in 1793, and in 1799 he captured Seringapatam. He campaigned in several countries, captured the Cape of Good Hope from the Dutch in 1807, and in the same year was in the siege of Copenhagen. In 1808 he joined Sir John Moore at Corunna. After the death of Moore, he assumed the chief command, and had the honor of announcing the victory to the government. He received many honors, and died in 1829. The present holder of the baronetcy conferred on Sir David is Sir David Charles Baird, 5th Bart. (Copied from "THE CLANS AND TARTANS OF SCOTLAND" edited by Robert Bain, City Librarian, Glasgow. J. S. Baird.)

THE BAIRD TARTAN

Cloth from which the kilts were made was of woolen texture with green background, dark checks 1-1/4 inch wide and 1-1/2 inch high in a field of green and separated by three pin-stripes of purple running in horizontal and perpendicular directions. Thus it is both artistic and serviceable and greatly admired by all.

THE BAIRD CREST

Helmet or insignia for plate, liveries, and the like. The plume, or other decoration worn on a helmet, as by a knight. It consists of a mameluke mounted on a horse and holding in his dexter hand a scimitar, all proper. A boar's head erased, or.

FAMILY OF:

BAIRD

ARMS: Gules, a wildboar passant or.

CREST: A griffin's head erased proper.

MOTTO: Dominus fecit. (The Lord hath done it.)

AUTHORITY: Burke's "General Armory," 1878 edition, page 41.

TINCTURES AS SHOWN BY DESCRIPTION:

The shield is of red.

The wild-boar is of gold (tongue blue).

(The wildboar was the most courageous and stubborn fighter in England and Scotland, and is supposed to have been charged on the arms as a badge of valor.)

The griffin's head is of natural colorings (i. e., as the head of an eagle).

The wreath, under the crest, is of red and gold.

NOTES: The Bairds of Auchmedden are representatives of the family stock, from which all of the name are believed to be descended. Auchmedden was in Aberdeen, Scotland. The last possessor of the estate died in 1777. Nine principal cadet lines of the family, possessors of the estates in Aberdeenshire, Edinburghshire, Perthshire, Peeblesshire, Fife-shire, Roxboroughshire, Kincardineshire, all in Scotland, and a branch in Tyrone, Ireland, have all borne the arms with differences. Numerous unrecorded lines exist.

MARTIN & ALLARDYCE,

By: George C. Martin

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared GEORGE C. MARTIN, of the firm of MARTIN & ALLARDYCE, of San Antonio, in Bexar County, Texas, who took oath that the insignia above described appears in the published heraldic authority above mentioned.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, on this the 1st day of November, A. D., 1951.

MARY M. POTTER

Notary Public in and for Bexar County, Texas

SOME DATA CONCERNING THE BAIRDS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

from

The 1790 Census Report in the Library of Congress.
(Lancaster District, South Carolina)

William Baird & Family: Free white males 16 years of age and over — 12; white males under 16 — 1; females — 1.

William Baird & Family: Free white males over 16 — 1; white males under 16 — 2; females — 4. (Ages not given.)

(This William Baird is reported from Camden District, Fairfield County.) These reports I found in the Census Bureau at Washington City, and I do not know what relationship there was between them. The details of that first Census are meager indeed. Then from the Abbeville County report of the same year we find a

William Beard and Family: Free white males 16 years old and upward — 1; free white males under 16 — 4; free white females — 3. (Then the name of Alexander Beard is given, but no family. I mention these Beard families because the name is often spelled both ways.)

In the report from the Camden District of Lancaster County, South Carolina, we find (Census of 1790)

Simon Baird & Family: White males over 16 — 1; white males under 16 — 1; females — 2. (This is the ancestor whose history I am trying to trace — J. S. Baird.)

The legend is that this Simon and his brother, John, and four sisters left South Carolina around the year 1810 and trekked, first to North Carolina, then on to Kentucky and Missouri, where they spent one year and then on to western Arkansas, which was then a territory, offering free homesteads to settlers. In the historical library at Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina, I found this statement in a brief history of the North Carolina Bairds: "Among the early settlers of Buncombe County came the Bairds with their big wheel-wagons." No doubt these were the wagons which brought them into Arkansas. J. S. B.

From the census reports of South Carolina for the years 1800 and 1810 we get this further information:

In 1800: Abbeville District, S. C. Husband: Simon; **Wife:** — **Sons:** 1 son between 10 and 16; 2 sons under 10; **Daughters:** 1 daughter, 10-16; 2 daughters under 10.

In 1810: Abbeville District, S. C. Head of Family: Margaret; **Sons:** 1 son, 16-26; 1 son, 10-16; **Daughters:** 3 daughters, 10-16; 1 daughter under 10.

My Uncle Hewett Newton McLain told me that the following Bairds came from South Carolina to Hempstead County, Arkansas in the early 1800's:

Simon, married (1) Miss Johnson (2) Sarah Bailey, died 1857; John, married Sarah Adams; Polly married Hewett Bert; Nettie, married Mr. McClinton; Peggy married Mr. McDonald.

The following facts were copied from the Census Report of Arkansas (the first one ever made) and can be found in the Census Bureau in the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

From 1850 Census of Saline Township, Hempstead County, Arkansas:
Simon (Beard) Baird — Age 49 — Birthplace, S. Carolina.

Sarah (Beard) Baird (wife) — Age 42 — Birthplace, Kentucky.
Edward (Beard) Baird (Son) — Age 18 — Birthplace, Arkansas.
John (Beard) Baird (Son) — Age 15 — Birthplace, Arkansas.
William Augustine (Son) — Age 12 — Birthplace, Arkansas.
Josephine (daughter) — Age 8 — Birthplace, Arkansas.
Adrian (daughter) — Age 6 — Birthplace, Arkansas.

(This is my family — J. S. Baird)

Note. The spelling of the name as "Beard" is to be attributed to the ignorance of the census taker, who, no doubt, wrote it as he heard it pronounced locally. My Father never spelled it otherwise than BAIRD. And in the 1790 census report of South Carolina the correct spelling, is given as Baird.

From 1850 Census Report of Ozan Township, Hempstead County, Arkansas:

Sarah Adams Baird (Widow of John)? — Age 48 — Birthplace, South Carolina.

John A. Baird (Son) — Age 25 — Birthplace, Arkansas.

William H. Baird (Son) — Age 21 — Birthplace, Arkansas.

Albert C. Baird (Son) — Age 16 — Birthplace, Arkansas.

(Note: The final will and testament of John Baird is on file in the court records of Hempstead County, filed December 6, 1830. In this will he refers to his wife as "Sally" and mentions the following children: James, Simon and John as sons; and one daughter, viz. Syntha Jane. As he spoke of himself as being old and "weak in body," at that time, 1830, so he must have been the John who was the husband of the widow, Sarah, mentioned in the census of 1850. Also the brother of Simon Baird, my grandfather. (J. S. B.) Simon died 1857.

WILL OF JOHN BAIRD

December 6, 1830

I, John Baird, of Arkansas Territory, County of Hempstead, Ozan Township, being weak in body but sound in mind, memory and understanding, blessed be God for it, and considering the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and to the intent I may the better be prepared to leave this world whenever it shall please God to call me hence, I do therefore make and declare this my last will and testament in manner following: that is to say, first of all, I commend my soul into the hands of God my Father, hoping for admission into the Kingdom of eternal glory; my body I commit to the earth at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named. And I give all my (blurred) land tenements all in the following names to wit: I will that all my just debts as shall be by me owing at my death together with my funeral expenses be fully paid out of my personal estate first; then my will is that all the remainder of my goods, stock, chattels, household furniture together with my land, shall be impartially appraised, and after such appraisement made that the same shall be divided into three equal parts, an equal third part whereof I give and bequeath unto my loving wife, Sally, and the remaining two-

thirds be equally divided between my children, to wit: To James, 1 equal part; to Simon, 1 equal part; to John, 1 equal part; to Syntha Jane, my daughter, 1 equal part. It is my will that my wife, Sally, should live on the place where I now live, and raise the children till they come of age, or as long as she remains a widow; and my will and meaning is that if we should have any more children before my death, it or they should inherit an equal share with those before named. My will is that if any of my children should die before they come of proper age, the share of such child to be equally divided among the surviving children, share and share alike, to be paid to such survivors if more than one at the time aforesaid, and I make and ordain my wife, Sally, and Hewett Bert executors of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of Dec., A. D. 1830.

JOHN BAIRD

SEAL

Samuel McDonald
John Stevenson
Witnesses.

THE BAIRDS OF ARKANSAS

Simon II

(By J. S. Baird, D. D., — 1951)

As noted elsewhere in this sketch, the children of Simon Baird I, left South Carolina between 1810 and 1820 and, after trekking through North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Missouri, they came into Arkansas and settled in Hempstead County between 1820 and 1830. The U. S. Census report of 1810 in South Carolina gives Margaret Baird (widow of Simon Baird, 1st), two boys and four girls — names: Simon 2nd, John, Polly (Mary), Peggy (Margaret), Nettie, but I have not been able to learn the name of the fourth daughter. It is claimed that all of these sons and daughters of Margaret Baird 1st were married except Simon II. Polly had married Hewett Bert, 1st; Nettie married Mr. McClinton, and Peggy married Mr. McDonald. The fourth daughter I have been unable to trace. John Baird married Margaret Adams of South Carolina, and Simon II afterwards married a Miss Johnson of Arkansas about 1825. She died around 1830 and Simon II later married Sarah Bailey.

Simon Baird II and Miss Johnson had the following children, all of whom were born in Arkansas:

- (A) Lunica, born Jan. 27, 1827. She was twice married; died Oct. 17, 1884. Buried in Cemetery at Rondo, near Texarkana, Ark. She married
 - (a) George Shover. To them two children were born —
 - (1) Austin, who was born about 1850, died 1910 and is buried at Rosehill Cemetery, Texarkana, Texas. He never married.
 - (2) Josephine, born Jan. 18, 1852, died Jan. 16, 1888. Buried at Rondo. She married Dr. William Covington. They had two children, viz. Joseph and Lunica, who lived to maturity and married.

- (b) Lunica Baird then married Irving Janes of Miller County, Arkansas. They had one daughter, Theresa Janes, who married Dr. John Frank Bentley, who was born Aug. 25, 1844 and died Sept. 24, 1899. They had three daughters.
- (B) Edward Baird, born Aug. 19, 1829; died May 22, 1885. Unmarried. Buried Rondo.

After the death of his first wife (Miss Johnson), Simon Baird II was married to Sarah Bailey, born in Kentucky, 1808. They had the following issue:

- (C) John, who was born around 1835. Died 1861. Teacher and unmarried.
- (D) Morrison, born about 1837. Thrown from a horse and killed at 18.
- (E) William Augustine, born Jan. 12, 1839, died March 13, 1914. On Oct. 3, 1867 he married Mrs. Susanna Curtis Carter (widow). List of children given below.
- (F) Josephine, born Nov. 25, 1842; died Sept. 21, 1893. Married Hewett Newton McLain, Aug. 27, 1861. See list of their children given below.
- (G) Adrian, born 1844, married John McLain, 1866; died 1867. No children.

CHILDREN OF

William Augustine Baird, 1st, and Mrs. Susanna Curtis-Carter-Baird

He was born in Hempstead Co., Ark., Jan. 12, 1839, died March 13, 1914, in Texarkana, Ark., and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Texarkana. She was born July 7, 1843, New Orleans, La., and died April 9, 1932, in Atlanta, Ga., Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Texarkana, Ark.

The following children were born to them —

- (A) Thomas Walter, b. July 2, 1868 in Hempstead Co., Ark., and died in Salida, Colorado, May 17, 1923, and is buried in Fairview Cemetery, Salida, Colo. He married Rebecca Ferguson of Missouri. Two girls were born to them, viz. Marguerite and Helen, and two boys who died in infancy.
- (B) Joseph Simon, b. Oct. 22, 1869, in Hempstead County, Ark.. He was twice married —
 - (1) Anna Mary Holman, b. Jan. 30, 1874, near LaGrange, Texas, and died May 1, 1926, in Dallas, Texas, and is buried in LaGrange, Texas. She was the eldest daughter of Col. Natt and Mary Lewis Holman of LaGrange. He was a successful planter and stock-man. Joseph Simon and Anna Mary Baird had the following children born to them:
 - (a) Joseph Holman, born Oct. 2, 1903 at LaGrange, Texas. He wed (1) Una Morris of Durant, Okla., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Morris, on Sept. 16, 1926. They had one son, Philip Morris Baird, born Feb. 9, 1933 in Washington, D. C. During the years 1933-1936 Joseph was United Press correspondent in Moscow, Russia, where Una contracted tuberculosis. Then they returned to Washington where, after a long illness, she died and is buried in Fort Lincoln Cemetery, at Washington. (2) Katherine Harkleroad of Ken-

tucky and Washington. No issue. (3) Josephine M. La Spina of New York, at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on May 12, 1947. They now live in Decatur, Ga., where he is in newspaper work.

- (b) Natt Holman, born at LaGrange, Texas, Oct. 13, 1905. Died in Longview, Texas, Nov. 12, 1907 — 2 yrs. and 1 mo. old.
- (c) Mary Lewis, born Dec. 26, 1907, at Longview, Texas. Died in Dallas, Texas, June 9, 1932, and is buried in LaGrange, Texas. Beautiful and talented.
- (d) William Augustine, 2nd, born Aug. 30, 1909 in Longview, Texas. On Dec. 15, 1934 he married Jacqueline Browder of Dallas, Texas, who was born July 2, 1911 in Dallas and is the daughter of Samuel Jefferson and Caroline Ellison-Browder of Dallas, Texas. Mr. Browder is a pharmacist. William Augustine, 2nd and Jacqueline Browder-Baird have two daughters — (1) Margaret Ann (Peggy), born Sept. 28, 1946. (2) Betty Sue, born Nov. 8, 1948. Both girls were born in Corpus Christi, Texas and now live in Dallas, where Gustin is an insurance adjuster.
- (e) Emma Sue Baird, born Oct. 4, 1911 at Grand Prairie, near Dallas, Texas. She now lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and is employed by the U. S. Government.

After the death of his first wife, Anna Mary Holman-Baird, Joseph Simon Baird married, Dec. 23, 1932;

- (2) Lura May Fortney, born Dec. 6, 1877, of Cincinnati, Ohio, where she was principal of one of the Public Schools of the city. They lived for ten years in California, Mo., where he was pastor of the Presbyterian Church for eleven years. She died there on March 23, 1943 and is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio. No issue.

On April 1, 1943, after the death of his second wife, Joseph Simon Baird was honorably retired from the ministry and moved to Atlanta, Ga., where he lives with his two sisters, Addie and Laura, and his daughter, Emma Sue Baird. (1952.)

- (C) Eudora Adrian, born Feb. 1, 1873 — LaFayette, now Miller County, Ark., near Texarkana, Ark., and Rondo.
- (D) Laura Lucinda, born Aug. 7, 1875 — LaFayette County, now Miller County, Ark., near Rondo and Texarkana, Ark.
They lived in Bowie County, Texas, from 1877 until 1892, when the family moved to Texarkana, Texas, and in 1893 to the Arkansas side, where they lived until 1918, when they sold the home in Texarkana, Ark., and with our Mother, moved to Atlanta, Ga., where they now reside. (1952.) Until their retirement both Addie and Laura were in secretarial work; the former at the State Capitol and the latter at the First National Bank of Atlanta, Ga.
- (E) Sarah Baird, born Jan. 16, 1877 — Miller County, Ark., near Rondo. On Oct. 25, 1899 she was married to Thomas Wesley Moore of Texarkana, Ark., who was born at Warren, Ark., Feb. 3, 1876, a merchant. They had the following children:
 - (1) Joseph Douglas, born Oct. 12, 1900, in Texarkana, Ark., died March 6, 1950 and is buried in Atlanta, Ga. He married Louise

- Jones July 20, 1929. No issue. He was in the carpet business for a number of years.
- (2) Marjorie Sue, born April 13, 1903, in Texarkana, Tex., and married W. Brooks McCrorey of Atlanta, Ga., on Oct. 18, 1928. He is an insurance man. They have one son, W. Brooks, Jr., born March 17, 1933, in Atlanta, Ga., and is now in Korean waters with the Navy. (1952.)
 - (3) Thomas William, born Sept. 10, 1908, in Texarkana, Tex. Married Emily Gann of Atlanta, Dec. 27, 1932. He is in the loan business. They had four children — Thomas William (died), William Douglas, born July 28, 1943; Michael David, born Nov. 17, 1944; and Janet Kathryn, born Dec. 20, 1950.
 - (4) James Benjamin, born Oct. 24, 1913, in Texarkana, Ark. Married Helen Hall of Moultrie, Ga., July 20, 1940. He is an officer of the First National Bank of Atlanta. Children:
 - (a) Helen Howell, born Jan. 4, 1950, in Atlanta, Ga.
 - (b) Sarah Elizabeth, born Feb. 6, 1951 in Atlanta, Ga.
 - (5) Edwin Baird Moore, born Aug. 16, 1915, in Texarkana, Ark. Married Mildred Wood of Zebulon, Ga., born July 9, 1918. Married April 2, 1938. They have two daughters:
 - (a) Mildred Anne, born Dec. 6, 1940, in Atlanta, Ga.
 - (b) Marjorie Linda Moore, b. Sept. 23, 1952, at Valdosta, Ga. They now live in Valdosta, Ga., where he is vice-president of the First National Bank.
- (F) Dixie Adella (Dell), born June 5, 1881, in Bowie County, near Texarkana, Tex. On May 15, 1902, she was married to James Crowe Wilson, born Oct. 8, 1878, in Miller County, Ark. He was in the carpet business for a number of years, but is now retired and they live on a farm near Brookhaven, Miss. They had the following children born to them:
- (1) James Baird, born Sept. 1, 1903, in Texarkana, Ark. On July 25, 1929, he married Alice Williams of Atlanta, Ga., born Aug. 12, 1907. They have two sons and one daughter, viz:
 - (a) Richard Barker, born June 3, 1930, in Atlanta. He is a radar technician.
 - (b) James Ronald, born July 23, 1931, in Atlanta, Ga. Student at Emory U.
 - (c) Charlotte Alice, born Jan. 2, 1933, in Atlanta. Now in college, University of Alabama.
 James Baird Wilson is now in the carpet business in Atlanta, Ga.
 - (2) William Wallace, born Nov. 2, 1904 in Texarkana, Ark., died by accidental death in Brookhaven, Miss., and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Texarkana, Ark. Died Aug. 27, 1920.
 - (3) A daughter who died at birth in Texarkana, Ark.
 - (4) Martha Adrienne, born Sept. 12, 1913, in Dallas, Tex. On June 10, 1939, she was married to Charles William Ripley of Brookhaven, Miss., who was born Feb. 26, 1914. They had three children —
 - (a) Carole Adrienne, born May 25, 1944 in Atlanta, Ga.

(b) and (c) Two sons who died at birth.

The Ripleys now live in Dalton, Ga., where he is in the radio and television business.

NOTE. Mrs. Susanna Curtis-Carter-Baird was the widow of Lt. Carter of La., who was killed in action the second year of the Civil War. She was born July 7, 1843 near New Orleans, La., and died in Atlanta, Ga., on April 9, 1932, and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Texarkana, Ark. She and Lt. Carter had two children, viz:

- (A) William E. H. Carter, born Sept. 19, 1861, in Bastrop, La., and was killed by his train (he was a railroad conductor) on Sept. 21, 1906, near Salida, Colo. Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Salida, Colo. He married Kate Halpin of Salida, April 25, 1895. She died in 1918 and is buried in Salida, Colo. No children.
- (B) Mally Ann Carter, born Nov. 17, 1862, in Bastrop, La. She died in infancy. In October, 1867, Mrs. Susanna-Curtis-Carter married William Augustine Baird, I, of Hempstead County, Ark. (A list of their children is given above.)

WAR RECORD OF

William Augustine Baird, I. He entered the Confederate Army in 1861 in Company B, 28th Ark. Division, under General Price and served throughout the War. He was in the Battle of Prairie d'Ann, near Hope, Ark., the Battle of Corinth, Miss., and also in the Battle of Vicksburg, Miss., where his Company surrendered to General Grant, and he was twice wounded there. He always said that General Grant was a merciful and magnanimous victor, and he greatly admired him for it.

Our Father never believed that the institution of Human Slavery was morally right, although, like Jefferson, he was a slave owner and would eventually have freed his slaves without a war. He entered the Army because public opinion forced him to do so. He did not wish to be called a slacker or renegade. As a boy, I heard him express these sentiments and was deeply impressed by them because they came as a great surprise to me.

General Robert E. Lee was forced to meet and decide the same problems. When the Civil War broke out, he was a top-ranking officer in the U. S. Army. For a long time he hesitated as to what was his duty under the circumstances. He did not believe that secession was the proper course to pursue. But when his native state, Virginia, seceded and called for volunteers to rally around her banner, there was no longer any doubt about his duty. In after years he wrote to a young friend in college, "Duty is the most sublime word in the English language." So, when his native state of Arkansas called for volunteers, our Father was among the first to report for duty. He could have said in the words of the Great Apostle, "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." (J. S. Baird.)

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SIMON BAIRD FARM

October 17, 1951

Dr. L. T. Lawrence
Hope, Arkansas
Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Relative to purchases by Simon Baird of property in and around the Baird's Lake region, the records indicate the following transactions:

Feb. 18, 1828	Edward Johnson, Jr. and wife to Simon Baird	80 acres	\$100.00	
		80 acres		80 acres
		E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect 8, T 11 S, R 26 W		40 acres
				200 acres
				40 acres

440 acres at a
cost of \$2150.00

Jan. 7, 1834	Prudence McMurry, executrix for estate of John McMurry to Simon Baird	80 acres (by will)	
		E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect 24, T 11 S, R 27 W	
Dec. 8, 1833	Simon Baird purchased from Clerk of County in State sale	40 acres	\$50.00
		SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 20, T 11 S, R 26 W	
Nov. 7, 1839	Robert B. Reed and wife to Simon Baird	200 acres	\$1900.00
		E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect 26, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 35	
		all in T 11 S, R 27 W	
Oct. 23, 1847	Bernard A. Cermenati to Simon Baird	40 acres	\$100.00
		NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 31, T 11 S, R 26 W	

Any or all of the above could be the property that is sought.

MACLAINE OF LOCHBUIE

The name has various spellings in Scottish and Irish history. In Scotland it is spelled sometimes as above, also MacLean, but in Irish it is McLain.

The MacLaines of Lochbuie were descended from Eachan Reaganach, brother of Lachlan, the progenitor of the MacLeans of Duart. Eachan, or Hector, received the lands of Lochbuie from John, first Lord of the Isles, his brother's father-in-law. Hector's son, Charles, was the progenitor of the MacLeans of Dechgarroch, a sept of Clan Chattan.

John Og, of Lochbuie, received from James IV charters confirming the lands and baronies held by his progenitors. He was killed with two of his sons in a feud with the MacLeans of Duart, and the surviving son, Murdoch, being an infant, was conveyed to Ireland for safety. Returning when he reached manhood, he captured Lochbuie Castle with the aid of his nurse, who recognized him. His son, John Mor, an expert swordsman, in Edinburgh, before the king and court, fought and killed a famous Italian fencer who challenged all Scotland.

The MacLaines were strong supporters of the Stuarts and formed a part of the army of Montrose, and afterwards fought at Killiecrankie, under Viscount Dundee. In later years they found scope for their military activities in the Continental and American wars.

Donald, 21st, of Lochbuie, born in 1816, amassed a fortune as an East Indian merchant, and saved Lochbuie for the family by clearing off all the debt, but the estate was subsequently lost to the family. The present representative is Gillean, 23rd, Chief of Lochbuie.

The MacLaine Crest: A battleaxe in pale in front of a laurel and cypress branch in saltire, all proper. The Badge is Blueberry. Bag-pipe Music: Lament for MacLaine of Lochbuie.

The Tartans, or Plaids from which their kilts are made is a beautiful combination or blending of red, blue and green with a faint yellow stripe forming checks, or squares. The prevailing color is a deep red. The MacLeans had also a hunting tartan in which green prevails, with white and black stripes. This is probably the oldest tartan for which we have documentary evidence.

(The above data was copied from a book entitled "The Clans and Tartans of Scotland," by Robert Bain, City Librarian of Glasgow, Scotland.) The date of publication is not given.

THE McLAIN FAMILY OF AMERICA

(Data gathered from various sources, diligently compared, verified and compiled by J. S. Baird, D. D. 1951)

It has been quite difficult to trace the history of this family for the Christian name of the ancestor (whom we shall designate as Grandfather McLain) has been lost to his posterity. So what is here written of him is largely legendary, but fairly trustworthy. But the tradition, as told me by his son, Mr. Hewett Newton McLain, and his two daughters, Mrs. Garrison and Mrs. DeLamar, of Texarkana, Ark., is that his wife was a Miss Bert, sister of Hewett Bert, Sr., who married Mary (Polly) Baird, who was also the sister of my Grandfather, Simon Baird. Thus the Bairs and McLains have been related for several generations.

Evidently this Grandfather McLain, husband of Hewett Bert's sister, was a member of that large caravan of pioneers who left South Carolina, according to tradition, between the years 1810-1820 and trekked through North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Missouri, where they remained for a year.

A Mrs. Murphy of Arkansas, daughter of Emma Baird-Wilson, gives us the following story of this expedition: "They came from South Carolina, exact place not known, but supposed to be in or near Abbeville district, to go West. They got as far as Missouri, where they remained a year. Then they started out again for Arkansas. They traveled in covered wagons carrying what household goods, farm implements, etc., they could — a long and weary way. At last they reached Hempstead County, Arkansas, where they settled." Arkansas was then a territory and offered free homesteads to settlers.

But the McLains were evidently among the flow of immigrants who left Scotland and Ireland about the time of the American Revolution,

seeking freedom, in a new country, from the civil and religious persecutions which they had endured in the old country. The name is sometimes spelled McLean, proving that it had a Scottish origin.

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Grandfather McLain and his wife had the following children; possibly there were others. I do not know.

1. Hewett Newton — born Feb. 13, 1833, died Oct. 12, 1912. On Aug. 27, 1861 he married Josephine Baird — born Nov. 25, 1842, died Sept. 21, 1893. Both were born in Hempstead County, Ark., and died in Miller County, Ark. Buried at Rondo. (See below for history of the family.)
2. John, who married Adrian Baird, 1866. She died in 1867. After the death of his first wife, John McLain married Fanny Norwood, only child of James and Susan Norwood, of Washington, Ark. They had two children; viz. John McLain, Jr. and Ada McLain. John McLain, Jr. died while in college. Ada McLain married Ed Cowling of Nashville, Ark. John McLain, Sr. afterwards moved to Hubbard City, Texas, where he died.
3. Elizabeth (Aunt Betty) who married a Mr. J. B. Garrison and lived for a number of years in Dallas, Texas. She died there. She was still living in Dallas in the 1920's. I do not know when she died, nor where she is buried.

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CHILDREN OF HEWETT NEWTON AND JOSEPHINE BAIRD McLAIN

(Both were born in Hempstead County, Ark., and died in Miller County, Ark. Buried in Rondo Cemetery.)

1. William Edward, born Aug. 18, 1863, Hempstead County, Ark., and died Oct. 2, 1928. Buried at Rondo, Ark. He was twice married and was father of the following children — sons, Rupert, Bert H., Russell, Paul; daughters, Mrs. W. C. Walker, Mrs. G. W. McLure, Miss Willie Mae, Miss Mary, Miss Josephine, and Miss Ruby.
2. Sarah E., born March 17, 1865 in Hempstead County, Ark.; died Aug. 12, 1870 and is buried at Rondo, Ark., Miller County.
3. Mary Adrian (Mollie) born April 11, 1867, died Jan. 29, 1952 in Texarkana, Ark. Married Mr. A. M. Garrison, who was a prominent educator and successful lawyer, May 1, 1895. Mr. Garrison died March 26, 1911. Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. They had one son, Wayne Garrison, born July 25, 1897, Texarkana, Ark.
4. Lunica Josephine (Lou), born July 27, 1869. Married Mr. Austin Smith DeLamar (merchant) March 30, 1898 in Texarkana. He was born 1853 and died Nov. 8, 1933 in Texarkana, Ark. Buried at Rondo. The DeLamar's had one daughter, Maud, and a son who died in infancy. Maud was born March 1899; married Mr. Roy Davis Nov. 11, 1921. They have two children, Joyce, born Nov. 29, 1924, Wesley, born Sept. 2, 1926. Joyce married Mr. James Ledford and they have one daughter, named Joyce Dianne, b. Nov. 18, 1950.

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5. John Hewett, born Jan. 25, 1871, died Feb. 7, 1933. He was twice married, first to Miss Matie Williams of Fayetteville, Ark., second to Miss Nora Winham, who was born 1874, died 1930. There were no children. John H. McLain was Mayor of Texarkana and County Judge for several terms. A very successful business man.
 6. Kate, born June 2, 1872, died in Chicago, Ill., and is buried there. She was married to Mr. J. T. Cooley of Chicago, who was born Feb. 6, 1862, died Nov. 25, 1915, and is buried at Rondo in the McLain lot. The Cooleys had one son, Vivian Cooley of Chicago.
 7. Maud, born July 11, 1874. Married Mr. W. J. Timberlake of Hubbard City, Texas. He died Jan. 1, 1933. No children.
 8. Hortense, born Dec. 2, 1876, died Aug. 20, 1891. Buried at Rondo.
 9. Claudie, born Nov. 1, 1878, died Oct. 21, 1884. Buried at Rondo.
 10. Alice, born July 13, 1881, died 1935. She was twice married — first to S. F. Cordoza, second to F. S. Bentley. No children.
 11. Vivian, born 1883. Married Mr. H. E. Vaughan. They have one son, Houston, Jr.
 - 12 and 13 were two children who died in infancy.

After serving the Confederacy faithfully for four years during the Civil War, Mr. H. N. McLain left Hempstead County and moved to a farm in Miller County, Ark., in 1865. The farm was located about two and a half miles east of Texarkana, and there he engaged very successfully in farming, stock raising, ginning and various industries. About 1885 he moved to the city of Texarkana where he engaged in merchandising, and the real estate business with eminent success.

Always kind, courteous, dignified and generous to a fault, he was a gentleman of the "Old School" and became one of Texarkana's leading citizens. Solomon has said that "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches," but Captain McLain had both. For he amassed a comfortable estate, which he left, together with an honored name, to his children.



